

**ASHEVILLE FIRE
DEPARTMENT**



ESCAPE

JUNE 13-14-15, 2011

**APPLICATION
PACKET**

Dear Fire Camp Applicant,

Thank you for expressing interest in the Asheville fire camp, known as **Fire Escape**. We are excited to offer this unique opportunity for local youth to gain an appreciation of fire and life safety issues, develop valuable skills used in search and rescue operations, increase teambuilding skills, and become an advocate for safety.

The **Fire Escape** is limited to 24 students who will be selected based on the attached application and recommendations from AMS staff. Campers will be chosen on the basis of their suitability for camp, as will be determined by the enclosed application. Please be advised: School and medical personnel may require some time to complete. The final deadline to submit applications is **May 30, 2011** either in Assistant Principal Gerii Jackson's office if you are an Asheville Middle School Student or all other applications can be mailed to: Kelley Webb, AFD PO Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802.

Learning at **Fire Escape** is highly interactive and hands-on in nature. Most activities are conducted in pairs or teams, in which the campers must work together and rely on each other to succeed. The nature of the activities and the locations where they are conducted require campers to follow explicit rules in order to ensure everyone's safety. Campers should wear comfortable clothing, sunscreen and closed toed shoes.

Camp activities will be held at Local 865 Asheville Firefighters' Associations camp grounds located off Brevard Road. Two drop-off and pick-up locations will be available to help with transportation, Stephens Lee Rec. Center and Pisgah View Community Center. Pick up times will be at approximately 8:30am and drop offs at 2:15pm. The fire camp will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 13, 14, and 15, includes snacks and lunch each day, and is **free to all eligible participants**.

We are pleased you want to support your child's interest in life safety through this unique, fun, educational and hands-on program!

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Asheville Fire Department

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Below is a list of the forms contained in the Fire Camp 2011 Application Packet. Please make sure all forms are completed and signed prior to submitting your application, with the exception of the school form, which is to be sent in directly by the primary teacher.

- ____ Family Data Form (contact info and T-Shirt size)
- ____ Family Information Form (medical info and picnic participation)
- ____ Youth Interest Form (for prospective camper to complete)
- ____ Code of Conduct Agreement (signed by parent and child)

- ____ Teacher information Request & Release (to sign and give teacher)
- ____ Teacher Comment Form (to be sent in by primary teacher)

- ____ Hold Harmless Agreement (titled "Permission to Participate....")
- ____ Image Release (for photos, videotaping, etc.)

FIRE ESCAPE 2011 FAMILY DATA

YOUTH INFORMATION

Name		Date of Birth	Age
Street Address and Unit Number		City	Zip Code
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address	
School Attending in Fall		Grade	T-Shirt Size
Non-Relative Character Reference	Relationship	Phone Number	

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name of a Parent/Legal Guardian	Cell Phone	Email Address
Name of Workplace/Employer	Work Phone	Email Address
Name of other Parent/Legal Guardian	Cell Phone	Email Address
Name of Workplace/Employer	Work Phone	Email Address

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Emergency Contact	Relationship	
Contact's Home Phone	Contact's Cell Phone	Contact's Work Phone

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FIRE ESCAPE 2011 FAMILY INFORMATION

Camper's Name

Family Concerns. Describe any potential camper concerns, including recent family changes (i.e., family loss or illness, changes in family work and living situations, etc.)

Diet/Allergy Considerations. List any food restrictions/reactions we should be aware of in preparing snacks and the final day picnic. List any substances your child is allergic to, including insects, food, environmental, or other factors.

Medication. List any medications used and their purpose.

Medical Coverage.

_____ Company	_____ Phone Number	_____ Name of Insured
_____ Policy Number	_____ Camper's Physician	_____ Physician's Phone Number

Family Participation. Families are invited to skills demonstrations, family picnic and closing ceremony. Please let us know your plans:

- ☐ I/We plan to attend. Please contact us with more detailed information.
☐ I/We do not plan to attend.

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YOUTH INTEREST

-- TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CAMPER --

Here are some ways to describe me:

- ☐ Energetic
- ☐ Like sports
- ☐ Prefer to be alone instead of a big group
- ☐ Talkative
- ☐ Respectful
- ☐ Like to learn new things
- ☐ Other: _____

My favorite subjects in school are:

- ☐ Math
- ☐ Science
- ☐ English/reading
- ☐ Music
- ☐ History
- ☐ Art

In my spare time, I like to:

- ☐ Watch TV
- ☐ Play sports
- ☐ Play video games
- ☐ Be outside
- ☐ Listen to music
- ☐ Go places with friends
- ☐ Spend time with my family/siblings
- ☐ Other: _____

When I think about careers, I sometimes think I might like to be:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

If someone says the word "leader," this is the person who comes to mind:

Here's what I did during my vacation last summer:

I want to attend FIRE ESCAPE because:

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CODE OF CONDUCT

ASHEVILLE Fire Camp provides campers with a rare opportunity to enter the world of the Firefighter. This includes exposure to equipment and other property that are generally off-limits to the public and which must be treated with care, both for the safety of the user and other campers, staff and public, and to maintain the integrity of the equipment.

As a participant in ASHEVILLE Fire Camp, I agree to abide by the following rules of conduct:

1. I will abide by the rules communicated by Fire Camp staff, verbally and in writing and abide by any posted rules on City property.
2. I will participate in all activities, as directed by Camp staff, which may include alternate activities if I am not able to safely complete the scheduled activities.
3. I will maintain a positive attitude and engage in positive communications throughout the week of Camp.
4. I will respect and support my teammates, fellow campers, and staff at all times.
5. I will care for all equipment and property used in camp as directed by staff and will treat all Camp and City of ASHEVILLE property with respect.
6. I will refrain from engaging in behavior which may result in injury to myself or others.
7. I will engage in Camp activities only when Camp staff members are actively supervising the activities.
8. I will abide by all laws and refrain from bringing into camp or using in camp, any substances that are illegal for adults and/or minors.
9. I will report to a Camp staff member any behavior or activity I am aware of or believe will take place which compromises the welfare of people or property.
10. I will let a Camp staff person know if I am encountering any problems which could compromise my following any of the above rules.

I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct and understand that if I do not live up to these conditions, I will receive counseling and/or be sent home.

Camper Name (printed) Camper Signature Date

I have reviewed the above Code of Conduct and agree with the rules.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed) Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Dear (Teacher's Name): _____,

My child, _____, is interested in attending the ASHEVILLE Fire Camp, **FIRE ESCAPE**, on June 13, 14 and 15, 2011. In order to be considered for acceptance, the attached form must be completed by you, the primary teacher. We hope you will take the few minutes necessary to provide the requested input, so our child can be given this opportunity.

Fire Escape is a free 3-day camp designed middle school aged kids. At camp, students will be introduced to the work duties of firefighters. They will learn fire and life safety knowledge and they will strengthen their leadership and teambuilding skills.

Throughout the week, campers will be engaged in rigorous activities, such as:

- Hose handling
- Use of firefighting gear
- Use of fire extinguishers
- Use of vehicle extrication tools
- Search and rescue procedures
- Patient packaging and transport procedures
- Water self-rescue (swimming skills not necessary)
- Speed competitions in the handling of equipment, while in gear

It is important to the ASHEVILLE Fire Department that campers are eager and able to participate in sometimes challenging physical activities, that they pay attention and follow rules closely, and that they relate well with others. All of these factors are critical in creating a safe and meaningful camp environment. Please be sure to address these traits, along with anything else you would like to mention, on the attached form.

After completing the form, please turn it in to Assistant Principal Gerii Jackson, who will collect all the recommendations and submit them to the Asheville Fire Department. If you are not a student at Asheville Middle School, please return completed application to Kelley Webb, AFD PO Box 7148 Asheville, NC 28802.

You are welcome to contact Chief James Cowan at 552-1169 or Kelley Webb at 768-1437 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the camp. Thank you very much for taking the time to help us in this manner.

Sincerely,

Parent/Guardian (Print)

Parent/Guardian (Sign)

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TEACHER COMMENTS

Printed Name of Fire Camp Applicant

To ASHEVILLE Fire Department,

I have read the letter describing **FIRE ESCAPE** provided to me by the parent/guardian of the child listed above and have a general idea of the activities that will take place at camp. Below are my impressions of the student, named above, as they pertain to his/her possible participation in these activities and how this student in particular will benefit from the opportunity:

____ Strongly Recommend for Fire Camp

____ Recommend for Fire Camp

____ Do Not Recommend for Fire Camp

You may contact me for further information. ____ Yes ____ No

Teacher Name (printed)

Teacher Signature

Date

FIRE ESCAPE 2011
PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE,
PARENTAL RELEASE, AND
INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

I grant permission for my child/legal _____ to participate in **FIRE ESCAPE**, sponsored by the ASHEVILLE Fire Department.

The activities of ASHEVILLE Fire Camp will include training in the following areas: physical fitness, use of fire equipment & gear, fundamentals of fire suppression, rope handling & basic knots, altitude rescue techniques, handling of vehicle extrication tools, basic first-aid, CPR, and water safety & self rescue.

By signing this Agreement I acknowledge my child is voluntarily participating in ASHEVILLE Fire Camp activities with full knowledge of the potential hazards or dangers, and I agree to assume on behalf of my child any and all risks of injury associated therewith.

By signing this agreement, I hereby agree for myself, my child, my heirs, representatives and assigns to fully and forever release and discharge the City of ASHEVILLE, its employees, assistants, representatives, and their heirs and assigns, from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action, losses, causes of action, and liability arising out of or from accidents, injuries, or other damages, sustained directly or indirectly by or caused by my child, relative and guests, arising out of my child's participation in **FIRE ESCAPE**.

I hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of ASHEVILLE, its employees, representatives, assistants, and their heirs and assigns, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action, losses, causes of action, and liability, including attorney's fees and court costs, arising out of or from my child's participation in **FIRE ESCAPE**.

I agree to be bound by the provisions of the above Release and Indemnification Agreement and make the representations contained therein.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Emergency Telephone Number

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IMAGE/MEDIA RELEASE

Campers may be photographed, videotaped, recorded, interviewed or quoted for marketing, educational or training purposes, as well as to provide campers and staff with memories of their week at camp.

Images and recordings may be shared with or displayed through:

- City media (City website, publications, and television stations)
- Commercial media (radio, television and newspaper)
- Bulletins or newsletters used by businesses, schools, churches, government agencies, non-profits, etc.
- Documents provided to actual or potential camp funding sources

Any photographing or videotaping is likely to be carried out by City staff. However, members of the media will be invited to observe, photograph, interview, record and publicize portions of camp.

Camp families may photograph or videotape campers at the pre-camp family orientation and at the demonstrations, picnic and closing ceremony on the last day. These images and recordings may be shared with the family and friends of other campers.

Note: Photos are taken and used with discretion and respect for program participants and we encourage camp families and others to do the same.

This release will enable campers and their families to enjoy memories of the week for years to come and enhances ASHEVILLE Fire Department's ability to recruit future campers and commercial sponsorship.

I, _____, agree to allow ASHEVILLE City staff, media representatives, and ASHEVILLE Fire Camp families to photograph and/or record my son/daughter during the 3 days of Fire Camp for the purposes explained above.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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JUNE 13-14-15, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Learn:

FIRE BEHAVIOR

HOSE HANDLING

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

USE OF FIREFIGHTING GEAR & EQUIPMENT

VEHICLE EXTRICATION

TEAM BUILDING



Free snacks, water & lunches!

Two convenient drop-off/pick-up locations!

>> Stephens-Lee Rec Center

>> Pisgah View Community Center

FIRE ESCAPE is a NON-PROFIT Program provided by the Asheville Fire Department